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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 671

Introduced by Assembly Member Beall

February 21, 2007

~~An act to add Chapter 5.6 (commencing with Section 19245) to Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code, and to amend Sections 16001.9 and 16522.1 of, and to add Section 10609.45 to, the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to state employment. An act to add Section 14132.04 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 671, as amended, Beall. ~~State employment: foster youth. Medi-Cal: frequent users of health services.~~

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health services. Eligibility determinations under the Medi-Cal program are made by county welfare departments.

This bill would, notwithstanding any other provision of law, expand Medi-Cal eligibility to include individuals who are frequent users of health services, which the bill would define to mean individuals who

have, in the past 12 months, undergone at least 8 emergency department visits, 1 hospital admission, and 5 inpatient days of care.

By increasing the duties of local agencies responsible for making eligibility determinations, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

~~The State Civil Service Act provides for filling certain state positions through the process of examinations and the establishment of eligible lists and promotional lists. Existing law establishes a Limited Examination and Appointment Program providing to persons with disabilities an alternative examination and appointment process for certain state positions. Existing law requires that veterans be awarded preference points, as specified, for civil service employment.~~

~~This bill would make legislative findings and declarations regarding the state's responsibility for the well-being of foster youth and former foster youth. The bill would require the State Personnel Board to establish an Emancipated Foster Youth Examination and Appointment Program to promote the hiring of qualified foster youth in specified entry level positions in any state agency or department as determined by the board. The bill would require the board or its designee to conduct competitive examinations to determine the qualifications and readiness of emancipated foster youths for state employment. It would require that all examination appointments to positions under the program be made on a temporary and provisional basis, and would provide that, with the approval of the board, a candidate who successfully completes this temporary period may be appointed, without further examination, to an appropriate position in which civil service status may accumulate. The bill would allow applicants for and candidates in the program examination process to appeal specified actions.~~

~~The bill would require the State Department of Social Services to establish standards, in consultation with the State Personnel Board, for the referral of eligible foster youth to the Emancipated Foster Youth Examination and Appointment Program.~~

~~Existing law provides that it is the policy of the state that all children in foster care shall have specified rights, including, at 16 years of age or older, to have access to existing information regarding the educational options available.~~

~~This bill would provide, in addition, that children in foster care shall have the right, at 16 years of age or older, to have access to information regarding state employment opportunities under the Emancipated Foster Youth Examination and Appointment Program.~~

~~Existing law provides for the licensure by the State Department of Social Services of community care facilities participating in transitional housing placement programs. Existing law requires that, in order to be licensed pursuant to those provisions, an applicant obtain certification from the county department of social services or the county probation department that the facility program provides specified items and services, including a linkage to the federal Job Training and Partnership Act program administered in the local area to provide employment training to eligible participants.~~

~~This bill would require, in addition, that an applicant for licensure as discussed above provide a linkage to information about state employment opportunities under the Emancipated Foster Youth Examination and Appointment Program.~~

~~Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no-yes.~~

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 *SECTION 1. Section 14132.04 is added to the Welfare and*
- 2 *Institutions Code, to read:*
- 3 *14132.04. (a) For purposes of this section, a “frequent user*
- 4 *of health services” means an individual who has, in the past 12*
- 5 *months, undergone at least all of the following:*
- 6 *(1) Eight emergency department visits.*
- 7 *(2) One hospital admission.*
- 8 *(3) Five inpatient days of care.*
- 9 *(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an individual*
- 10 *who is a frequent user of health services, as defined in subdivision*
- 11 *(a), and who is otherwise uninsured and ineligible for benefits*
- 12 *under the Medi-Cal program, shall be covered under the Medi-Cal*
- 13 *program.*

1 *SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that*
2 *this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to*
3 *local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made*
4 *pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division*
5 *4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.*

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8 **All matter omitted in this version of the bill**
9 **appears in the bill as amended in Senate,**
10 **June 28, 2007 (JR11)**
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